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SUBJ: KEN-REN FERTILIZER ATTACKED IN PARLIAMENT

REF: NAIROBI 10883

1. KENYA NEWS MEDIA ON JULY 27 HEADLINED JULY 26 REMARKS IN PARLIAMENT BY ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR LANDS AND SETTLEMENT, G.G. KARIUKI. REMARKS WERE DELIVERED DURING DEBATE ON THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE REPORT. KARIUKI ACCUSED QUOTE CHICAGO-BASED CRIMINALS UNQUOTE OF SWINDLING GOK OUT OF SH 64 MILLION (U.S. 8 MILLION DOLLARS) IT HAD CONTRIBUTED TO CONSTRUCTION OF KEN-REN FERTILIZER FACTORY. KARIUKI STATED THAT THE GOK QUOTE WAS TAKEN FOR A RIDE UNQUOTE AND CLAIMED KEN-REN ORGANIZATION WAS COMPOSED OF INTERNATIONAL CRIMINALS.

2. COMMENT: KARIUKI'S GEOGRAPHY AND MATHEMATICS LEAVE A LOT TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BE DESIRED. N-REN IS BASED IN CINCINNATTI, NOT CHICAGO, BUT IMAGERY OF QUOTE CHICAGO GANGSTERS UNQUOTE IS MORE VIVID. TOTAL GOK CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROJECT (AND ITS LOSS IF THE PROJECT FOLDS) IS BETWEEN 12 - 14 MILLION DOLLARS, NOT 8 MILLION DOLLARS. CHARACTERIZATION OF KEN-REN DIRECTORS AS QUOTE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINALS UNQUOTE POINTS OUT KARIUKI'S POOR KNOWLEDGE OF PROJECT SINCE 7 OF KEN-REN'S 10 BOARD MEMBERS ARE KENYAN AND

CHAIRMAN IS PERMANENT SECRETARY OF MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND
PLANNING.

3. KARIUKI'S OUTBURST AND OBVIOUS UNFAMILIARITY WITH THE
FACTS COULD BE TREATED HUMOROUSLY WERE IT NOT FOR THE
FACT THAT SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS CONNECTED WITH THE PROJECT
SEE IT AS THE FIRST SALVO IN A CAMPAIGN TO DISCREDIT U.S.
PARTNER N-REN AND TO ABSOLVE GOK OF BLAME SHOULD PROJECT
FAIL.
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